## **REMARKS**

## Amendments to the Specification

The specification has been amended to update the previous reference in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(i). Applicants respectfully submit that the present amendment is appropriate for entry inasmuch as it merely corrects formal matters in the specification and does not change the scope of the allowed claims. Entry of the present amendment is respectfully requested.

## Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants await confirmation that the submitted references in the following Information Disclosure Statements have been considered. Applicants submit that the following Information Disclosure Statements have been submitted in connection with the present application as evidenced by Applicants' postcard receipts documenting their receipt by OIPE on the following dates:

- 1. First Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, March 22, 2001 (Reference B1)
- 2. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, April 26, 2001 (References C1-C6).
- 3. Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, May 25, 2001 (References D1, D2)
- 4. Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, October 12, 2001 (References E1-E27).

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Applicants respectfully request consideration and confirmation that all the submitted references have been considered. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicants submit herewith duplicate copies of the four Supplemental Information Disclosure Statements that were previously submitted along with resubmitted copies of the non U.S. Patent disclosure references cited therein.

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